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April 10, 2007

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

### RE: FITZGERALD MARINE RESERVE COASTAL TRAIL AND BEACH ACCESS PROJECT

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to you in support of the San Mateo County Department of Parks and Recreation's Fitzgerald Marine Reserve and Moss Beach Access Project.

This project will greatly enhance visitor access to the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve by providing a new 1,500-foot-long multi-use section of California Coastal Trail and new ramp access to Moss Beach Reef. The project will also support plans to build an Education Center, Outdoor Classroom and other visitor amenities.

The approximately one quarter-mile trail will incorporate a 10-foot-wide asphalt trail with one 2-foot shoulder and one 4-foot-shoulder of decomposed granite to accommodate pedestrians and equestrians on separate sides of the trail. Landscaping will highlight native vegetation of this region. Informational and directional signage will complete the program.

More than 125,000 people come each year to view the Reserve's intertidal life, including approximately 23,000 students from more than 100 local schools. The large volume of visitors necessitates safe, accessible and low impact recreational and education opportunities at the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve.

The Fitzgerald Marine Reserve is one of California's most significant coastal resources and that is why it requires safe, accessible routes to bring visitors through the Reserve and to resources within the Reserve without posing threats to natural or cultural resources.

I thank you for your attention to this matter. If I or my office may be of any additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my District Director, David Burruto, at (650) 340-8840.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "L. Yee", written over a horizontal line.

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April 13, 2007

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: FITZGERALD MARINE RESERVE COASTAL TRAIL AND BEACH ACCESS  
PROJECT

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I enthusiastically support San Mateo County Department of Park's Fitzgerald Marine Reserve and Moss Beach Access Project.

This project will greatly enhance visitor access to the very popular Fitzgerald Marine Reserve from a new 1,500-foot-long multi-use section of California Coastal Trail and new ramp access to Moss Beach Reef. The project will also support the County's plans to build an Education Center, Outdoor Classroom and other visitor amenities by the Reserve.

More than 125,000 people come each year to view the Reserve's intertidal life, including about 23,000 students from more than 100 local schools. This large volume of visitors needs safe, accessible and low impact recreational and education opportunities at the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve.

Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

Gene Mullin  
ASSEMBLYMEMBER, 19<sup>th</sup> District

April 5, 2007

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
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**Friends of  
Fitzgerald Marine Life Refuge**

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RE: FITZGERALD MARINE RESERVE COASTAL TRAIL AND BEACH ACCESS PROJECT

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to request your support of the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve and Beach Access Project of San Mateo County Department of Parks.

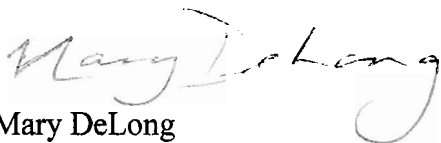
An active group of local volunteers, *Friends of Fitzgerald Marine Reserve*, was founded in 1985 to protect and preserve the Marine Reserve as a "unique intertidal environment, and the promotion of educational activities for school children, residents, visitors and researchers to see and touch many elements of a variety of wildlife ecosystems." Today, the *Friends* serve as docents to the over 125,000 visitors that come each year to view the intertidal life. This includes about 23,000 students from more than one hundred local schools. These visitors need safe, accessible and low impact recreational and education opportunities at the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve.

In April 2002, The Fitzgerald Marine Reserve Master Plan was adopted by the Board of Supervisors. The Master Plan identified policies that define particular uses and facilities at Fitzgerald. Uses within the Reserve will include activities related to education and interpretation of natural resources compatible with the protection of natural resources. Facilities are to be developed to accommodate these uses will include an Education Center at the site of the existing Moss Beach visitor's center, and parking, picnic and restroom facilities near the Pillar Point Marsh. An important next step in implementation of the master plan is development of public access to the reef and site of the future education center.

This proposed trail and beach reef access project will greatly enhance visitor use and access to the very popular Fitzgerald Marine Reserve from a new section of California Coastal Trail and new ramp access to Moss Beach Reef. The County needs to provide safe, accessible routes to bring visitors through the Reserve and to resources within the Reserve without posing threats to natural or cultural resources.

Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,



Mary DeLong  
Friends of Fitzgerald Marine Reserve